## Testimony of

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Good afternoon, Senator McCrory, Representative Currey, Senator Berthel, Representative McCarty, and members of the Education Committee.

I testify today in support of House Bill 6884. This bill takes important steps toward addressing the educator shortage in Connecticut, showing educators that theirs is a respected profession, and ensuring that our classrooms and schools can provide the best possible education for our students.

Please consider this proposal which thoughtfully address this vital career. I've worked over 25 years and care deeply about being the best educator I can be, working among other strong educators. Covid teaching took a toll on our mental health. Any incentive to compensate us will be appreciated.

Thank you for your time and consideration.